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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL J. MIKICH UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Michael J. Mikich, declare as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. If called upon I would and could competently testify to those facts.
2. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application for a "Suspended Storage Structure."
3. Along with my co-inventors, I conceived the invention before July 2000.
4. Along with my co-inventors, I reduced the invention to practice before in or before July 2000 as shown in the product specifications and drawings produced by me and dated "7/00." True and correct copies of the drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. I have reviewed the Wynne reference and have determined that Wynne does not disclose, suggest, or claim the invention claimed in the present application.

I declare that all statements made herein made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

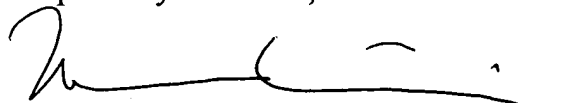
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Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct this __th day of July, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada, US.

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Respectfully submitted,



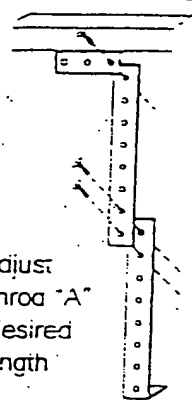
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UNIQUE STORAGE SYSTEMS

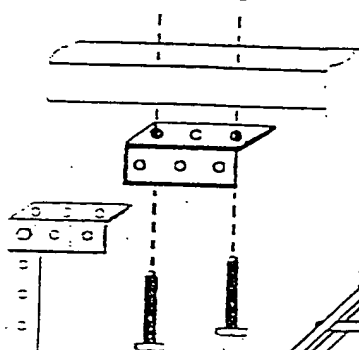
Hyloft USA

Connect Two-Piece
Downrods to
Ceiling Angle

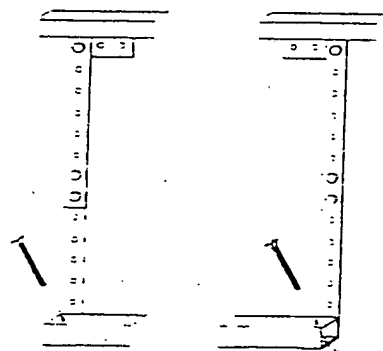


Adjust
Downrod "A"
to desired
length

Attach Angles
into Ceiling Studs

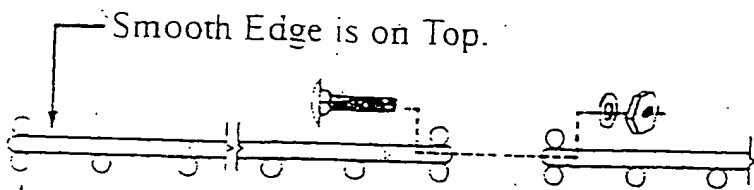


Connect Cross Bar
Support to Downrods



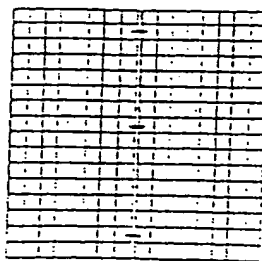
Lay Wire Grids On Top of
Cross Bar Supports and Bolt Together.

Smooth Edge is on Top.



Cross Wires are on the Bottom.

— = Bolt Washer/Nut
Placement



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| QUANTITY | ID | ITEM DESCRIPTION |
|----------|----|---|
| 2 | A | Wire grid panel 23.8" x 47.8", 0.215" dia. wire |
| 2 | B | Crossbar support 1" x 1" x 50.5" x 18 ga. |
| 4 | C | Angle Bracket 1" x 1" x 3" x 14 ga. |
| 4 | D | Downrod "A" 1" x 16.75" x 0.125" with 1" flange |
| 4 | E | Downrod "B" 1" x 14.75" x 0.125" |
| 8 | F | 1/4" x 3" lag screw |
| 12 | G | 1/4" - 20 x 1/2" hex bolt |
| 16 | H | 1/4 - 20 hex nut |
| 4 | I | 1/4" - 20 x 1 1/2" Phillips panhead bolt |
| 6 | J | 10-32 x 1" carriage bolt |
| 6 | K | 10-32 hex nut |
| 6 | L | 3/8" ID x 1/2" OD washer |
| 4 | M | 2" CC sinker nail with 3/8" dia. head |
| 2 | N | Plastic tie strap 7 1/2" white, 50 lb. |
| 4 | P | White plastic end plugs 1" x 1" |
| 1 | Q | Box, telescopic, white top, brown bottom |
| 1 | R | Label, litho, 24" x 48", applied to box |